

# Welcome to the City of Kennesaw!

Kennesaw, Georgia is a thriving community located in northwest Cobb County along the I-75/Cobb Parkway corridor only 25 miles from downtown Atlanta. Originally known as Big Shanty, the city has evolved from an 1830's railroad shanty town to a community recognized for its commitment to providing an exceptional quality of life. Attractive, modern neighborhoods and a thriving business environment blend seamlessly with excellent recreational and cultural amenities and a wealth of parks and green spaces. The city offers first rate educational opportunities at all levels and is adjacent to Georgia's third largest university, Kennesaw State.

## Points of Interest

### Smith - Gilbert Gardens

Smith-Gilbert Gardens is the City's botanical garden. Voted one of the top three places to take children in the Atlanta metro area, the 17-acre property is rich with botanical, artistic and historic treasures.

### Southern Museum

A prestigious Smithsonian Affiliations member, the Southern Museum provides visitors with a unique perspective into the strategic and economic use of railroads during and after the Civil War. The Museum is home to the General locomotive, made famous during the Great Locomotive Chase of 1862, an impressive Civil War collection and the 'Merci' Gratitude Boxcar.

### Swift - Cantrell Park

At 42 acres, the City of Kennesaw's largest community park features: Two Playgrounds, including an 18,500 square foot Inclusive Playground, Walking Trails, Pavilions, Splash Pad, Dog Park, Skate Park and Fitness Station.

### Historic Downtown

Historic Downtown Kennesaw features not only award-winning restaurants, shops and one of the City's Entertainment Districts, but is also home to Depot Park. Depot Park serves as the backdrop for many city events, provides passive recreation to residents and welcomes visitors to our historical community.

### Special Events

Throughout the year, the City of Kennesaw hosts a multitude of different events. Race through Downtown Kennesaw and Swift-Cantrell Park in one of our Kennesaw Grand Prix 5K Series races, shop local artisans at the Big Shanty Festival, grab a bite to eat at the Pigs & Peaches Festival and Taste of Kennesaw, ring in the Holiday season with a parade and a meet and greet with Santa and celebrate Independence Day with the Salute to America event.



## Sign Up!

An e-newsletter is sent to subscribers twice monthly, the day following a regularly scheduled Mayor & Council Meeting. Sign up on the City's website under the "News & Events" tab! City of Kennesaw App users are able to view latest updates for news, find information about event dates, times and locations and add them to their mobile calendar, find nearby businesses, including restaurants and retail, pay bills online and access the City's "report a concern" portal. The City of Kennesaw mobile app is available for download on Apple & Google Play!

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